

12 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

In a 'normal' year, there are a number of activities and events that take place during term 6 as part of our future plans support and preparation programme. We intend to continue with this programme as we had planned but we have adapted it in light of the current restrictions.

Our future plans work started in January when all students attended a series of presentations covering:

- Options beyond year 13
- Researching these options
- Strengthening any application with extra and super curricular activities

Following these presentations, students continued their planning with the support of their tutors and the sixth form team. I emailed the presentations to students and parents at the time and again on 3 May. The table below outlines the key activities for this term and explains how we have adapted our programme:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Information</b>
Friday 19 June	Parents and students	*Future plans presentation: rather than hold the usual evening event for parents and students, I will email a link to a presentation with embedded audio. The presentation will be in 4 parts so you can watch as much as you would like at any point! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options and timeline</li> <li>• HE research and the application process</li> <li>• Strengthening any application</li> <li>• Personal statement and reference writing</li> </ul>
Friday 19 June	Early applicants	Students considering applying for courses requiring early submission (mid-October) should contact Miss Khan so that the group can follow an accelerated programme. This includes anyone thinking about Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science and dentistry.
Monday 22 June	Early applicants	Preparation material issued to ready for personal statement Zoom.
Tuesday 23 June	Students	Zoom drop-in session for students who have any questions arising from the *presentation. This will take place late afternoon. Details will be emailed to students.
Thursday 25 June	Parents	Zoom drop-in session for parents who have any questions arising from the presentation*. This will take place early evening. Details will be emailed to parents.
Friday 26 June	Early applicants	Zoom covering the early application process, support and additional preparation.
Monday 29 June	Early applicants	Zoom covering personal statements. From this point onwards, these students will liaise directly with Mr Penman as they start to write drafts.

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There is a wealth of information about all options, but it can also be a bit of a minefield! With this in mind, I am collating the resources which I think are the most helpful. After the release of the main presentation, I will send out this additional information over the coming weeks including:

- University subject presentations from KLB departments
- Presentations from a range of providers about going to university
- Presentations from a selection of universities with advice about personal statements
- Presentations about apprenticeships including input from ex-KLB students
- Information about virtual open days

In September, non-early applicants and those considering non-uni routes will attend sessions about personal statements and apprenticeship/gap year preparation. We do not know what school will look like in September but please be assured that we will adapt these sessions to suit the environment in which we are working.

Finally, the unknown at this stage remains the date and format of any formal assessment period for year 12. Assessing students formally will help us and them to determine current progress but also help to inform predicted grades. We are considering a range of options and will notify you as soon as we have made a decision. As you will appreciate, there are a number of external factors affecting this decision.

If you have any questions about this or any sixth form related matters, please do contact me via email [hkhan@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:hkhan@klbschool.org.uk).

Best wishes

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